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Pennsylvania Egg Production Up 7 Percent From Previous Year

HARRISBURG, PA, Mar 02, 2011 - - Annual egg production in Pennsylvania for the 2010 production year was 6.98 billion eggs, up 7 percent from the 6.54 billion produced in 2009, according to the Pennsylvania field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). There was an average of 23.9 million layers in the commonwealth during the 12-month period, up 5 percent from the previous year. Average annual production per layer was 292 eggs, up 1 percent from 2009.

All chicken inventory (excluding commercial broilers) as of December 1, 2010 totaled 29.6 million, up 5 percent from the 28.2 million one year earlier. Total chicken inventory on December 1, 2010 included 25.0 million layers, 4.4 million pullets, and 106 thousand other chickens, up 7 percent, down 5 percent, and down 5 percent respectively.

The average value per bird in Pennsylvania on hand December 1, 2010 was \$2.90, up 12 percent from a year ago. The total value of all flocks in the commonwealth on December 1, 2010 was 85.70 million dollars, up 17 percent from the 73.32 million dollars in 2009.

Nationally, egg production during the year ending November 30, 2010 totaled 91.4 billion eggs, up 1 percent from 2009. Table egg production, at 78.5 billion eggs, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 12.9 billion eggs, was up 1 percent from 2009. Layer numbers during 2010 averaged 340 million, up 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2010 was 269 eggs, up slightly from 2009. The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2010 (excluding commercial broilers) was 455 million birds, up 1 percent from last year. The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2010 was \$1.60 billion, up 6 percent from December 1, 2009. The average value increased from \$3.34 per bird on December 1, 2009, to \$3.52 per bird on December 1, 2010.

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